

Welcome to the Riverfront Celebration!



I've known rivers:

**I've known rivers ancient as the world and older than the
flow of human blood in human veins.**

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

I bathed in the Euphrates when dawns were young.

I built my hut near the Congo and it lulled me to sleep.

I looked upon the Nile and raised pyramids above it.

**I heard the singing of the Mississippi when Abe Lincoln
went down to New Orleans, and I've seen its muddy
bosom turn all golden in the sunset.**

I've known rivers:

Ancient, dusky rivers.

My soul has grown deep like the rivers.

—Langston Hughes

Thank you for joining the celebration for the opening of Essex County Riverfront Park.

This place exists thanks to the diligence and fortitude of the people of Newark and Essex. Its existence testifies to their enduring will to make better neighborhoods, cities, and communities.

Today, we hope that you feel the spirit that made this park possible, and find your own way to contribute to its future history. Return to the river!

Organized by Friends of Riverfront Park, Newark Riverfront Revival, Essex County Parks System, Councilman Augusto Amador, & Assemblyman Albert Coutinho. Thanks to support from NY-NJ Habitat Estuary Program, Seidler Chemical Company, The Trust for Public Land, Sovereign Bank, Quick Chek & Fernandes Steak House.



Putting Essex County First

11 am–12:30 pm

MEADOW

Eighth Annual Passaic River Paddle Relay Race

12:30–1:30 pm

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Community Dedication

1:30–2 pm

BASKETBALL

Capoeira Demonstration

2–4:30 pm

MEADOW

Project USE Boat Information
Recycling Games
Face Painting
Express Yourself! Tile Painting
Greater Newark Conservancy
Watershed Education & Sewer-in-a-Suitcase

2–2:30 pm

BASKETBALL

Ann Street & Oliver Street School Dancers

TENNIS

Yoga Intro Class
Tennis Workshop

BRILL ST
ENTRANCE

Meet for Ironbound Riverfront Walking Tour

2:30–3 pm

BASKETBALL

East Side High School Winter Guard Performance

TENNIS

Zumba Intro Class
Tennis Workshop

3–3:30 pm

BASKETBALL

Double Dutch Performance

TENNIS

Yoga Intro Class
Tennis Workshop

PLAYGROUND

Drum Circle

4:30–7:30 pm

MEADOW

Closing Performance:
Featuring Bill Good Jazz Band,
Folkloric Dancing, and Spoken Word

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